Tuesday, September 27, 2005 Volume 78, Issue No. 5

Martin, Tennessee

The Pacer

Editorial
Revised 'Newspaper Resolution' product of debate, education

— Page 2

Pacer Briefs

Concert-goer cries foul
One reader finds the newspaper's coverage lacking.

— Column, Page 2

Suffering sassafras!
A tree in the quad evoked a lot of emotion Friday.

— Story, Page 3

'Hawks win third of season
Football team upsets Gardner-Webb to prolong OVC lead.

— Page 6

Pacer F.Y.I.

Sports Trivia

Football team only club in the OVC with a winning record.

Soccer team has had its last four games go into overtime.

Rifle team opened its 2005 slate with its best small-bore performance in team history.

Freshman **Golfer** shoots even-par in his first outing as a Skyhawk.

Source: UTMSports.Com

Local Weather

Tuesday	80	54
Sunny		
Wednesday	84	51
Sunny		
Thursday	67	41
Partly Cloudy, Windy		
Friday	72	47
Sunny		
Saturday	76	57
Partly Sunny		

Inside

Viewpoints 2
Editorial 2
Cartoon 2
Letters to the Editor 2
News 3
Bulletin Board 3
Police Report 4
Arts & Entertainment 5
Sports 6
Classifieds 7

The Pacer
314 Gooch Hall
Martin, TN 38238

Phone: (731) 881-7780
E-mail: pacer@utm.edu

— Free in single copy —

SPECIAL REPORT

In your face

UTM students catch Facebook fever

Rebecca Palmer
Staff Writer

Imagine spending hours on the computer every night looking at seemingly irrelevant information…sound boring?

If you answered yes then you would probably be in the minority.

As of last Saturday, the word has spread around campus that UTM is finally a part of the online college networking Website, www.thefacebook.com.

The Facebook is an online forum where one can post a profile with personal information such as where you graduated from high school, interests, favorite movies and classes. Not to mention, you can post photos, contact information and relationship status. This allows students to find and be found by old high school sweethearts or the class clown from junior high. You can stay in contact with alumni, or simply find someone who shares your interests. Be it napping, Zoolander, rock climbing or even Curling, you can probably find someone on Facebook who shares your interests.

Many members report spending way too much time on Facebook. One new member, who wishes to remain anonymous, admitted to checking her Facebook account almost three times a day. Her favorite aspects of Facebook are browsing through friend's photos and checking messages posted to her on her "Wall."

Another facet of Facebook is to create or join groups. Groups such as "If it Weren't for Wal-Mart, We'd be Lost," founded by Shelby Knose, "Parking at UTM is Ridiculous," "Smart Blondes" and "Yes, I watch Laguna Beach" are all examples of clubs at UTM. There is literally something for everyone. Another feature with many implications is a place to look up and post local parties.

The Facebook was launched in February of 2004 by a Harvard student as a way for his fellow students to connect with each other. Since then, the network has grown to include 1,500 campuses and over 4 million users. The Facebook is currently working on registering colleges and universities in other countries. As of now, only a few colleges from Canada and one school in Ireland are a part of the network.

While you're having your Facebook fun, just try to remember the more important things in life such as food, water, and sleep.

Entertainment Writer James Baker contributed to this report.

GRAPHIC: STEPHEN YEARGIN / The Pacer

Community Service

UTM to defend 'Blood Battle' against Murray

Staff Reports

Hudson

UTM has been hosting blood drives to help patients in West Tennessee for 13 years. This spring, Haley Hudson became their 10,000th blood donor!

Haley is 20 years old and a native of Gleason, Tenn. A nursing major, Haley plans to become a Nurse Anesthetist. "Becoming the 10,000th blood donor for UTM is a nice honor for me," says Haley. "I feel like this makes me a great example for other students," she adds. A blood donor since she was a senior in High School, Haley went on to explain that giving blood is a way she can fulfill the internal obligation she feels to help others.

"We are proud of Haley and her example," said Steve Vantrease, Director of Boling University Center. "She has put her desire to help others into practice and the community has benefited from her service," he added. Haley believes that most college students give blood to help others in the community and that they realize that unforeseen things can happen quickly to us all and that the need for blood might affect them or their family and friends.

"College blood drives are very important to us," said Tammy Hurst, Community Services Representative for Lifeline Blood Services. "We must meet blood donation goals each week for our hospitals," she added. Finding locations and groups that are willing to help recruit the blood donors is very challenging. "UTM has always been an active supporter of the Weakley County effort to supply blood for West Tennessee patients," Hurst continued. "In addition to their constant support, they have been enthusiastic and willing to try new things (like the blood battle) to help generate interest in blood donations and genuinely concerned about the success of all blood drives," she concluded.

Haley wanted to encourage other college students to overcome their reasons for not giving blood. "Anyone should try, if you are healthy enough, there is no reason not to," Haley explained. "I started when I was 17 and hope to continue throughout my life." "Giving blood is like smiling at a stranger. It is such an easy thing to do and you'll have a lasting impact on someone's life," said Hudson.

New federal mandate prompts celebration of the Constitution

Heather Day
Staff Writer

Focus on Rights

There were many issues discussed during the American Democracy Project, both by students and panelists alike. The main subject was the Constitution and different amendments therein. Issues discussed included the right to bear arms, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of speech and the Constitution as a whole.

As you may remember, there was a great debate over the Second amendment in the 2000 election because of the recent school shootings. This turned into a debate on federal gun control. But the question is: Should the government have the right to regulate gun control? Militia was also discussed as part of the amendment. I especially liked one student's response to this discussion. He said that, "We should have the right to protect ourselves and our families. It is not guns that kill people, people kill people."

Freedom of speech and of the press were then discussed as students expressed their opinions on the subject. Panelist Kevin Teets made the statement, "Free press is important and we should fight for that right."

Freedom of religion ended up being one of the most debated issues, as many students stood and expressed their opinion on the subject. This question was asked to panelist Dr. David Coffee, who said that the Constitution "makes no specific mention of separation of church and state, it is just implied."

Freedom of religion gives everyone, no matter what their religion, the chance to worship however they please without fear or tyranny,

— See 'Freedom' on Page 8

University honors distinguished alumni

Staff Reports

Alexander

Revelle

Smith

Three awards will be presented during University of Tennessee at Martin homecoming activities, Oct. 3-9. The awards will be presented at the annual UT Martin Alumni Awards Banquet, 6 p.m., Oct. 7, in the Student Life Center Alumni Gym.

This year's award recipients are:

- Larry Alexander, Outstanding Alumni Award, given to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession;
- Dr. Mike Revelle, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her chosen profession (the recipient must not be more than 39 years of age);
- Ray Smith, Chancellor's Award for University Service, given for outstanding service to UT Martin.

Alexander, of Martin, is president of Weakley County Motors. He is a 1968 graduate with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. Alexander has filled a number of leadership roles through the years in civic, business and church groups. He is a past member of the UT Board of Governors, member and past president of the Weakley County UT Alumni Association and a member and past president of Martin Rotary Club. He also is a Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow.

Alexander is a past chairman and member of Martin Industrial Board and a member of the Weakley County Joint Economic Development Board, also serving on the executive committee. He is a member of the National Auto Dealers Association, a regional director of the Tennessee Auto Dealers Association, president of Pi Kappa Alpha/Epsilon Sigma House Corp. and is a member of First Baptist Church in Martin.

Revelle, of Jackson, is an emergency physician at Jackson-Madison County Hospital, Madison County assistant medical examiner and medical director for Medical Center Emergency Medical Services, Hardeman County Emergency Medical Services, Crockett County First Responder Program and Jackson State Community College Paramedic Program. He is a licensed emergen-

— See 'Awards' on Page 8

Our View

Editorial: SGA makes winning move on S.R. 2

In times of conflict, it is always a great victory to see that, after the smoke has cleared, education has prevailed as the winner. We are glad to see that the Student Government Association understands the constitutional infringements apparent in its recent resolution and that the body unanimously took corrective action.

Senate Resolution No. 2, as originally approved, would have required that *The Pacer* publish a weekly and unedited column submitted by the SGA. Two specific items in the resolution violated statutes regarding freedom of the student press. The first was a reference to the *The Pacer's* funding, which could be perceived as a threat for possible later action by a governmental body. The second was a reference to a governing body dictating what a media outlet must publish or air.

Saying that the staff of this newspaper was upset at SGA's attempt to undermine the freedoms granted by the First Amendment would be an understatement. Regardless of intent, we knew we had to act. Letters were sent and attorneys were contacted. One attorney even recommended restitution be sought through the courts.

Thankfully, what could have become a battle royal did not. After the legal issues were fully explained to Student Body President James Orr, he recommended that the SGA amend Resolution No. 2 so that it would not infringe upon freedom of the press. The SGA approved Orr's recommendation Sept. 22.

If this situation had become a battle, there's no question that *The Pacer* would legally have won. We believe in fighting for the freedoms granted to all Americans, including our freedom to responsibly print the news.

However, battles have losers, so we prefer not to view this issue as a battle. After all, when more people are educated about the First Amendment and the freedom of the press, we believe it's a victory for everyone.

Touchdown, SGA.

THE PACER

Serving UTM for 77 years **Free in Single Copy** *Editorially Independent*

Newsroom: (731) 881-7780 • **E-mail:** pacer@utm.edu

Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

Amy Eddings ..... Sports Editor
Rachel Rogers ..... Arts & Entertainment Editor
Elizabeth Watts ..... Viewpoints Editor
Will York ..... News Editor

Brad Hurt ..... Asst. Sports Editor
Heather Roland ..... Asst. News Editor
Kevin Teets ..... Senior Reporter
Rebecca McClure ..... Asst. Arts & Entertainment
Jay Baker ..... Entertainment Writer
Elaine Wilson ..... Staff Columnist

Gregory Sirising ..... Advertising Manager
Jason Bohanan ..... Sales Representative
Meghan Green ..... Staff Photographer
Matthew Maxey ..... Staff Photographer
Eric White ..... Editorial Illustrator
Theresa Oliver ..... Copy Editor

Samantha Young ..... Graduate Assistant

Tomi McCutchen Parrish
Student Publications Coordinator & Faculty Adviser

Editorial Policy

Opinions expressed in personal columns are those of the writers and may not reflect the opinions of the staff as a whole. Editorials are written by members of the Editorial Board, with contributions from other students, campus administrators or community members on an as-issue basis.

The Pacer invites student organizations to submit press releases at least two weeks ahead of an event. We cannot guarantee the publication of any submitted letter, release or news story.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Story ideas or news tips may be e-mailed to pacer@utm.edu or presented at our weekly staff meetings, held at 5:15 p.m. every Tuesday during the semester. If you are unable to attend these meetings, please contact the Executive Editor to arrange a separate meeting.

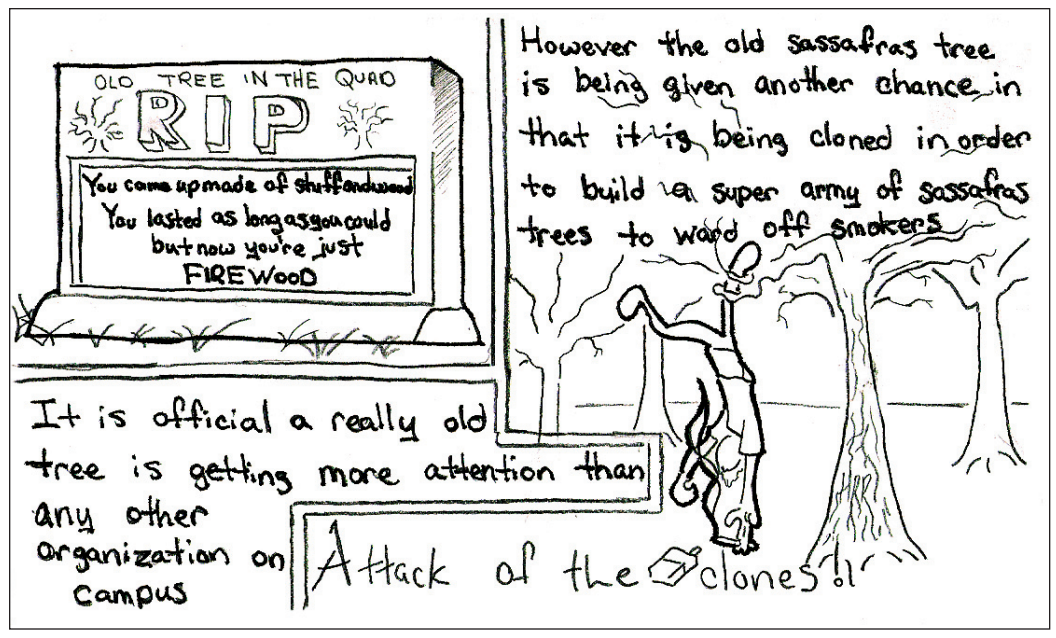
The Pacer welcomes comments, criticisms or ideas that its readership may have. We encourage you to send a Letter to the Editor at 314 Gooch Hall, Martin, TN 38238, through e-mail at pacer@utm.edu or via our Web site at http://pacer.utm.edu/write/. Letters to the Editor should be no longer than 250 words. Letters must be signed and contain the name, major and hometown of the author, as well as contact information. All submissions will be edited for grammar, spelling and brevity. Publication preference will be given to letters of less than 250 words. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Columns or Guest Commentaries should be no longer than 750 words and will require a photo of the author. Publication is based on relevance and quality of the issue and publication is subject to the discretion of the Viewpoints Editor and the Executive Editor. Our readers may also add their comments on *The Pacer Online Edition* at http://pacer.utm.edu/discuss/.

STATEMENT OF PUBLICATION

This newspaper is printed every Tuesday during the semester. Our press run ranges from 3,000 to 4,000 copies depending on the edition. The University of Tennessee at Martin earmarks $3.60 per enrolled student to pay for staff salaries and overhead costs of running our office. The cost of printing the newspaper is covered by advertising revenue.

Contents may not be reprinted without written consent of the Executive Editor.
Copyright © 2005, *The Pacer - UTM's Student Newspaper*



Celebrities have hearts, too

Elaine Wilson
Staff Columnist

Most of the news coverage lately has been concerned with the recent hurricane and all of the damage that it did, both in buildings and in people's lives.

But I've also noticed some reports about the celebrities that have gotten involved. First, I heard some people questioning why the rich and famous weren't getting involved like they'd done for the people affected by the tsunami. Now I hear griping about them becoming involved because they're only doing it for their own benefit.

I personally think it's great that they're out there working to raise money to help their fellow Americans. It's something we all should be doing. If I were in great need of help, I don't think I'd care what political party the help came from or whether the people helping me were black, white, brown or polka dotted (well, I'd have to take a second look at the polka-dotted folks).

For whatever reason, people will give more and more often if a famous person they admire is asking for the money instead of the average person living down the street. It may not be fair, but that's the way it is.

I prefer to believe that the celebrities involved are doing it because they have hearts and truly care. Famous people are still human beings. Though many are surrounded by entourages and are constantly being told how wonderful they are, maybe they haven't gotten such swelled heads and egos that they have forgotten that the rest of us don't go on publicity tours and walk down red carpets.

Why must we always assume the worst or accuse others of not caring? We may think something should have been done differently or not done at all, but can't we give others a little credit for trying?

It seems as though we have all become so judgmental and so quick to jump to conclusions. Words and actions can be slanted and misconstrued in different ways to convey different meanings if someone so desires.

Unfortunately, some people are cruel and don't care, but by and large most people have good hearts and are trying. We should at least wait until we have some proof of deliberate wrong before we condemn others, and not do it simply because "they" said something was so. Who in the heck are "they" anyway and why are we giving away our power to think for ourselves?

We're supposed to be better than that.

Letters to the Editor

Student wants more coverage on concert

I really hope that *The Pacer* fixes the article about the concert on Sept. 17. I feel like it was a bit short for such international celebrities to come to such a small and little-known school.

I understand that there were issues surrounding the actual article, but now that that's over and resolved, maybe you all could redo the story. The names and the captions were wrong in the article, which does not reflect the level of professionalism that I expected from *The Pacer*. I have seen journalists retract statements and issue "Oops ... We've made a mistake" articles to correct any fallacies that occurred in the article.

I feel like *The Pacer* owes its readers, as well as the artists who came to perform at Martin, something more than the seven-paragraph story that they were given. I know that there was so much more that *The Pacer* could have touched on in regard to the concert – such as the shirt throwing, free CD giveaways, and the overall energy of the performers.

The job of the media is to report on events that affect the lives of the readers. This concert affected SO many people! I just feel that a great disservice has been done by not reporting on the concert comprehensively, and I hope *The Pacer* decides to re-cover its journalistic tracks.

Ayonna Hood
Communications
Jackson

Students should act age, not shoe size

Elizabeth Watts
Viewpoints Editor

You ever feel that the world is full of people who let their emotions get the best of them? I don't expect people to hold hands and sing "Kumbaya," but it would be nice if people acted with common sense, respect and decency.

However, after last week, I realized that many people just aren't open-minded enough to let their heads rule rather than their emotions.

Some UTM students showed me how rashly they can act and how little they care about how their words and actions are affect everyone else.

I attended the "Celebration of the Constitution" panel discussion last Thursday, hoping that I could participate in an intelligent discussion about arguments surrounding America's basic rights. Yes, I seriously thought that. Don't laugh.

Instead, at one point, I thought that fights were going to break out in the Watkins Auditorium when the topic of religion was discussed.

Some people got angry and walked out because others had different views. Some people yelled comments across Watkins that I thought were highly inappropriate. Some people asked questions with the purpose of embarrassing others and being mean. This left me thinking "What the hell?" and by the looks of the people witnessing students walk out, they were thinking the same thing.

Don't get me wrong. I applaud people who stand by their convictions so strongly, but people can learn a lot from someone who doesn't believe in the same things or feel the same way.

My real problem with the discussion was the people who, for whatever reason, started walking out of the forum. Walking out was not only rude to the people who took time out of their day to be a part of the panel, but it was also rude to the people in attendance.

Dr. Dan McDonough even said something when people started walking out, but that didn't seem to help.

I am friends with people who are of a different religion, sexuality, or political party. Just because I don't agree with what they feel or practice doesn't mean that I'm so ignorant as to not accept their views and maybe even learn something from them.

Students don't walk out when guests come to speak at UTM; we're not allowed to hurl insults and inappropriate questions or comments across the room in class. So why can't we be respectful of the faculty and students at UTM?

Before walking into a discussion of heated topics, ask yourself if you're open-minded and respectful enough to attend and rationally participate.

If not, don't go there.

All through life we will hear views and opinions that will be opposite of ours. People should be intelligent enough to hear these views without flying into a rage and storming out of the room.Not only does it come across as being rude, but it also comes across as being childish.

Next Door
The Music You Want
New & Used CD's
Posters & Blacklights
Body Jewelry
Skate Boards
Sunglasses, Magazines & T-Shirts
Check our Web site for all of our new releases this week!
Next Door to Bradley Books
http://www.nextdoormusic.com

Agape House Pregnancy Care Center
Think you might be pregnant?
Considering Abortion? Call us First!
731-588-0305 or 731-884-0029
All Services Free and Confidential
210 Oakland Street - Martin
345 Harrison Street - Union City

Sassafras comes down after winds deal final blow

Kevin Teets
Senior Reporter

It has inspired poetry and has been the unofficial logo of the university. It's been rooted at UTM longer than anyone else and has spent its last years on the life support of steel cables.

But as the chainsaw ripped through its bark on Friday afternoon it was evident that even the sassafras tree in the middle of the quad could not escape mortality. The tree that has been the center of much attention for many years has now been reduced to a stump.

In an e-mail sent out to faculty, Chancellor Nick Dunagan said that the tree would be cut down because it had become a safety concern. "As many of you know, the sassafras tree took another hit during the Hurricane Katrina rain and wind. Upon the recommendation of several individuals and in consideration of the hazard that the leaning and dying tree has created, I have asked our grounds staff to remove our beloved sassafras tree."

No one really knows how old the sassafras tree is. Dr. Philip Smart, assistant professor of natural resource management, says that it has become difficult to assess the tree's age.

"You can't determine a tree's age by its size. If it's growing in a good location then it would be big. There's no way to have a reliable estimate of the tree's age because it is hollow. Normally an increment core would be done to see the tree's age," Smart says.

Smart says that he would not be surprised if the tree is the oldest in Weakley County and that the tree is unique because unlike most sassafras trees that have three different shapes of leafs, this tree predominately has leafs that are referred to as single lobe. "There are no mitten-shaped leaves on this tree at all," Smart says.

But, the tree is far from being a state record in its size. Smart says that the sassafras in the state that holds the state record for its size is found in Giles County. This tree has a diameter at breast height (DBA) of 59 inches. UTM's sassafras tree is estimated at 24 inches in DBA, far from the state record.

Smart says the tree probably garnered a lot of attention because of its central location in the quad. Others have recognized the tree for its resilience. Former Chancellor Larry McGee (1971-1979) liked the tree so much that he incorporated a pen and ink drawing of it as the unofficial logo for the campus. The drawing was created by Professor Emeritus Bill Nelson.

In 1979 the tree sparked joking poetry writings between now IT Services Administrator Larry Holder and Chancellor McGee. Holder wrote, "There's nothing greater I'd like to see than the cutting of the chancellor's tree ... Just when I thought I was feeling better, I discovered it on the chancellor's letter..."

Also joking, McGee wrote another poem to Holder. Some of it reads, "Oh Woodsman Holder, don't axe my tree: Please help stamp out Sassafras tea! Who cuts my tree cuts me, and if you do, I will fall on you!"

Fortunately the tree came down without falling on anyone. It was cut down last Friday at 4 p.m. after Provost Tom Rakes delivered remarks. "As we change ourselves, this symbol of our own heritage is changing. We have individuals who are working to ensure this tree will live again to mirror our past while reflecting a new future," Rakes said.

Dr. Smart says that the Ag Department is in the process of propagating the tree through a method called "cutting." The first efforts at cutting the tree seem to be unsuccessful. "A couple of weeks ago we tried doing it (cutting) from the limbs. There's no success shown with that," Smart says. The department will now try taking cuttings from root samples and Smart says he is more optimistic of propagating the tree through this method.

Some will appreciates the tree's history and some will always remember it as a simile of the campus's dedication and longevity. Others will attempt to grow shoots from the tree. But at least for now, all will have an extra stump on which to sit if the benches in Centennial Circle become full.

STEPHEN YEARGIN / The Pacer

Faculty members investigate the fallen sassafras tree in the center of the Quad Friday. The iconic tree, which was the oldest on campus, inspired poetry and sparked visitors' curiosity for years. The tree, centrally located on the grassy Quad, was cut down because of high winds from the remnants of Hurricane Katrina.

Homecoming festivities focus on '60s memories

Staff Reports

The UTM Office of Alumni Relations will evoke memories of the 1960s with "Carnicus Returnicus" as the theme of this year's Homecoming celebration.
The following is a complete schedule of events for homecoming weekend:

Monday, Oct. 3
6 p.m. – Picnic, Pacer Pond
6 p.m. – Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
6 p.m. – Student Government Association, "Eagle Wing' Cookoff," Pacer Pond
7 p.m. – Homecoming Bonfire and Homecoming Court announced
7:45 p.m. – Fireworks display
Tuesday, Oct. 4
5 p.m. – Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
7 p.m. – Student Activities Council Lip Sync Show, Boling University Center patio

Wednesday, Oct. 5
5 p.m. – Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
7 p.m. – Campus Ministries Night
Thursday, Oct. 6
5 p.m. – Rope Pull, Pacer Pond
7 p.m. – Public Relations Student Society of America "Womenless Beauty Revue," Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
9:09 p.m. – SAC 909 Comedy Series, featuring Tom Deluca, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center

Friday, Oct. 7
9 a.m. – Alumni Golf Tournament, Sharon
3:30 p.m. – Rope Pull Championship, Pacer Pond
6 p.m. – UT Martin Alumni Dinner and Awards Program, Student Life Center Alumni Gym
8:30 p.m. – Pyramid and Pep Rally, Elam Center

Saturday, Oct. 8
7:30 a.m. – Letterwinner's Breakfast, Student Life Center Alumni Gym
9:30 a.m. – Chancellor's Brunch, Chancellor's Residence
10:30 a.m. – Quad City opens
11 a.m. – Skyhawk Parents Association (SPA) meeting, Room 206ABC, Boling University Center
1 p.m. – Football Pre-Game Show, Bob Carroll Football Building
1:30 p.m. – Quad City closes
2 p.m. – Skyhawks vs. Tennessee Tech, Hardy M. Graham Stadium
5 p.m. – Organization Open Houses
7 p.m. – Homecoming Dance, featuring The Crickets and recognition of University of Tennessee-Martin Branch members, Student Life Center Alumni Gym
7 p.m. – Greek Step Show, Skyhawk Field House

Sunday, Oct. 9
10 a.m. – "Walk in the Quad"
10:30 a.m. – Homecoming Brunch, Skyhawk Dining Room, Boling University Center
2 p.m. – Collegiate Choir Reunion Concert, Harriet Fulton Theatre, Fine and Performing Arts Building

SGA amends newspaper resolution

Will York
News Editor

The Student Government Association Senate amended a resolution that would require the student newspaper to print a weekly column and passed a resolution on behalf of UTM's Muslim community condemning terrorism.

SGA President James Orr told senators that after consulting legal advice, he believes that Senate Resolution 2, which would have required *The Pacer*, UTM's editorially independent student newspaper, to publish a weekly column by the SGA president, is illegal.

The resolution passed unanimously at the last senate meeting.

Orr recommended amending the resolution and then said he would support the amended legislation.

Orr said the text from the resolution that references the $3.60 in student fees that pays for the newspaper "could be perceived as a threat."

He also said the newspaper could not be required to publish anything from a government organization because the newspaper would be held liable for content.

"Our resolutions and recommendations carry a lot of weight," Orr said. "We can't knowingly sign something we think isn't as legally sound as it should be."

The revised text asks the newspaper to publish a weekly column, but *The Pacer*'s staff is not required to do so.

The amended resolution passed unanimously at Orr's recommendation.

The Pacer's faculty adviser, Tomi McCutchen Parrish, spoke to the body after the amended resolution passed, saying she hopes senators will ask any questions they may have concerning the First Amendment.

"A country without free speech is one that will become an anarchy," Parrish said.

SGA's Multicultural Affairs Committee brought Senate Resolution 3 to the floor, sponsored by Sens. Emre Serbest and Keely Gaylord.

The resolution stems from a letter sent to SGA from "Islamic students" at UTM. In the letter, the students said they "demand recognition" from SGA.

Gaylord said Muslim students at UTM signed a petition demanding that SGA pass a statement condemning terrorism and hate crimes against Muslims.

The letter goes on to read, "We want to let the community know that we condemn (acts of terrorism) because Islam is a religion of peace."

SGA was unable to make a copy of the resolution available to *The Pacer* as of press time.

For the first time this term, Chief Justice Erin Young took the floor before the vote to confirm that the legislation was constitutional.

The resolution passed unanimously.

SGA Vice President Rachel Hammond presented presidential appointments to fill vacancies in the senate as well as appointments to the SGA Judiciary.

Orr nominated Kaylis Magras, Shannon Myer, Natalie Newton, Amber Williams, Jennifer Sidney, Julie Hood, David Taylor, Amelia Kasta and Karen Farmer to senate.

The senate approved all nominations unanimously.

In his adviser report, Steve Vantrease applauded UTM students and SGA for their fund-raising efforts aiding Hurricane Katrina victims.

Vantrease said students have raised $3,400 in the weeks following the hurricane, but SGA set a goal of raising $30,000 two weeks ago.

UTM partners in Chinese law exchange

Jay Baker
Entertainment Writer

A new foreign exchange program will partner UTM with Shandong University Law School of China. The program is one facet of a three-part grant program sponsored by a private gift to the university.

Ten students from Shandong University Law school, located in Jinan City, Shandong Province, will be the first to participate in the program. The group will study here at UTM before traveling to Nashville and Washington, D.C., to see the American legal and political systems and culture at all levels.

In turn, UTM students participating in the program will visit Shandong University for a two week study of the Chinese legal structure.

The grant will also provide funding for a special-education awareness initiative and scholarships for travel-study exchanges.

More than twenty students are expected to receive scholarships for travel-studies or exchanges this academic year. Visiting international students and professors will also benefit from the exchange scholarships.

"This exchange program is another way that UT Martin students will see the impact of living in a global economy," said Dunagan. "In turn, these programs allow citizens of other countries to learn about America."

UTM, in partnership with Shandong University launched the American Civics and Culture Program (ACCP) on September 17. The ACCP program is under the direction of the UTM Center for Global Studies and International Education.

"This is especially promising as we mount a vigorous international and intercultural awareness initiative to make sure our students are prepared to succeed in today's global structure," said Dr. John Petersen, University of Tennessee president.

For more information about the ACCP, contact Andrew Brown at 881-7636.

Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in *The Pacer*'s "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

FBI internships
The Federal Bureau of Investigation is offering summer internships in Washington, D.C. and Quantico, Va. Internships are open to juniors, seniors and graduate students pursuing any major with at least a 3.0 GPA. It is paid and includes housing. More information is available at the Employment Office.

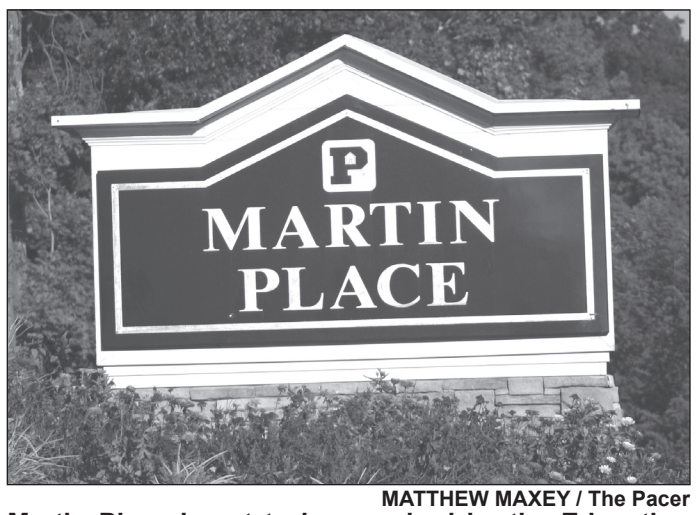
Allies GLBT Organization
Allies meets Mondays at 4 p.m. in the Sociology building room 102. For more information e-mail utmallies@yahoo.com.

English Writing Center Workshops
Having trouble writing papers? Workshops are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:15 p.m.-12:50 p.m. in Humanities 209. For more information go to http://www.utm.edu/organizations/wcenter/.

National Association of Black Journalists
The first meeting of UTM's affiliate of NABJ will be at 12:20 p.m. today in Gooch 309 (Communications Reading Room). The group will be serving free refreshments.

Martin Place apartments sold in 13-property deal

Kimberly Willis
Staff Writer



MATTHEW MAXEY / The Pacer

Martin Place is set to be acquired by the Education Realty Trust as part of a multi-property deal affecting colleges and universities across the Southeast. Martin Place, which houses 384, is located within walking distance of campus and is considered "on campus" by Housing authorities. The buy-out is part of a $195 million package aimed at boosting EDR's portfolio.

Martin Place was recently purchased by Education Realty Trust, Inc., as part of a property acquisition worth $195 million.

The announcement of the sale-lease transaction took place September 14.

Under this transaction, EDR plans to acquire the properties for a combination of cash, limited partnership units and assumed debt of approximately $98.7 million. Place Properties plans to lease back and operate the properties under a lease agreement with EDR.

This purchase is said to secure EDR's Memphis-based position as a leader in is market with 25,395 owned beds, 8,777 beds managed for third-parties and 4,851 beds currently under development.

Education Realty Trust is one of America's largest owners and operators of collegiate student housing, owning and or managing approximately 28,500 beds at 42 properties near campuses across America.

"This is a major advancement for our young company, "said Paul O. Bowe, EDR's chairman, chief executive officer and president. "We became a public company only seven months ago and simultaneously acquired 14 properties. We brought them in successfully, drove leasing and occupancy up, improved their operations and enhanced the portfolio's value. Now, we are doing it again. This is a real testimonial to our approach and to the strengths of our team."

Among the 13 properties acquired as part of the sale are Murray Place (Murray State University) and Western Place (WKU).

Place Properties, who is the current owner of the properties, primarily focuses on the Southeastern U.S. market.

A typical layout for a Place Properties apartment is four private bedrooms emptying into a commons area. Most facilities, including Martin Place, includes a full kitchen. Internet access is also available.

Martin Place houses up to 384 people.

Beginning last year, the UTM Office of Housing made an agreement with Martin Place allowing students to live in the apartments while still maintaining their housing obligation. Thus, Martin Place is now considered "on-campus."

Cecil M. Phillips, Place Properties chairman and chief executive officer, also characterized the agreement as significant.

"When we contemplated a sale of our owned portfolio, our buyer of choice was EDR. EDR's people are the industry's most experienced, and possess tremendous depth, insight and management savvy. We are delighted to continue to manage the portfolio on behalf of EDR."

The transaction, although subject to the satisfaction of specific stipulations, is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2005.

Martin Place tenant, Audrey Bryant says that this is the first time she heard of the purchase agreement, and she hopes to learn more from Martin Place administrators about how this purchase agreement will affect current and future tenants of Martin Place soon.

Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

10:46 p.m. Sept. 22
Browning Parking Lot

Subject reported their vehicle had been vandalized. Investigation continues.

10:47 a.m. Sept. 22
Wayne Fisher Drive

Donald Beale was issued a citation for expired license plate (City Court) and no proof of insurance (Gen. Sessions Court).

1:19 p.m. Sept. 22
Off Campus

Assissted MPD with traffic accident involving two vehicles. Report on file

2:25 p.m. Sept. 22
Univertsity Street

Tammy Witherington was issued a citation for driving on a suspended license and no proof of insurance. (Gen. Sessions Court)

6:10 p.m. Sept. 22
UTM Campus

Thomas Conover was detained for probation violation warrant and turned over to WCSO.

12:55 a.m. Sept. 23
Moody Street

Subject was transported to the hospital complaining of eye irritation.

9:02 a.m. Sept. 23
University Center Lot

David McDaniel was issued a citation for an expired license plate. (City Court)

11:10 a.m. Sept. 23
UTM Campus

Subject reported the theft of one of their UTM parking stickers. Investigation continues.

1:39 a.m. Sept. 25
Hannings Lane

Greg Walker was issued a citation for underage drinking. (Gen. Sessions Court)

Spanish Club to dip into salsa, bring Latin culture to forefront

Kevin Teets
Senior Reporter

Salsa is more than what comes with the chips at La Cabana.

It's a distillation of many Latin and Afro-Caribbean dances and the Spanish Club at UTM is sponsoring a Salsa night to teach people how to Salsa and how to appreciate the Latin culture.

Fourth year Spanish club member Chelsea Sager says that the Salsa night will be a great chance for students to get to know one another and gain an understanding of the dance style. Sager says she has enjoyed her time in the club.

"It's been fun getting to meet other students that are interested in the Spanish language and Spanish culture. It's a great time for us to get together and speak the language and have fun," Sager says.

But intensive knowledge of Spanish is not necessary to join the group for dancing.

Salsa night will take place on Thursday Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Sager says that refreshments will be offered and everyone is welcome. "If you know how to Salsa dance then join us. If you don't and want to learn then we are going to have people there to teach you how," Sager adds.

The Salsa night dance instructors will be UTM students Harrison Woodard and Sergio Bustillo. Dr. Jorge Lopez is the adviser of the Spanish Club. For more information about Salsa night or how to become a part of the Spanish Club, contact Dr. Lopez at 731-881-7422.

Chester speaks on challenges faced by 'Generation Why'

Elizabeth Watts
Viewpoints Editor

Over 500 people attended Eric Chester's speech, "The Power of Young Leaders," in the Alumni Gym on Sept. 21.

Chester is a nationally recognized expert and motivational speaker on "Generation Why". Chester lives in Colorado and has a Master of Arts degree from Northern Arizona University. Chester began by explaining to the students that they average life expectancy of people their generation is 80 years, compared to baby boomers, who have only 75 years. To show how short a student's time in college is, he showed the expected life on an 80 foot tape measure. "The college experience is only 7.9 inches. The rest of your life is decided on how serious you take these 7.9 inches," said Chester. The three main points of his speech surrounded the concept of "Visions, Decisions, and Collisions." Visions talked about how students should dream big and achieve all their goals. He also told students that it wasn't enough for students to have little dreams. Chester also said that no matter what happens, students should never give up on their dreams, and if they fail, they should keep attempting to reach for their dreams. "There is nothing more dangerous than a kid who gives up on his dreams," said Chester. Decisions, the next point, talked about the choices students make and the experiences they have during their college career. He used an example of a man walking into a bear cave while camping and not coming out alive to explain that students should learn from other people's mistakes too. "Experience isn't the best teacher. Other people's experience is the best teacher," said Chester. Chester then explained that the choices students make in college affect the rest of their lives and that it's not always easy to make the best decision. "The choices you make, make the person you are. Sometimes it's better to take the hard right than the easy wrong," said Chester. Collisions focused around the friends a student makes during their time at college. Chester said that the friends made in college last a lifetime and will be there at every stage of your life. He also went on to say that your life and memories at college will depend on the type of friends you have. "The connections you make decide your experience," said Chester. Throughout the speech, Chester told about experiences that students could relate to and remember doing the same thing, such as passing love notes to a crush in middle school and how scared everyone felt on their first day of high school. He ended his speech with a short poem about how students should make the best of college and how we act now will affect the rest of our lives. He also said that students should try to be accepting of everyone and have a close student body. "The difference between a good campus and a great campus is that people accept each other and there's a sense of fellowship," said Chester. Eric Chester was the first speaker in the Academic Speaker Series. His speech was sponsored by the Honors Program, Student Success Center, Office of Student Life, LEAD Academy, SAC and Title III. The next speaker will be Nadine Stossen the president of American Civil Liberties Union. Strossen's speech will be at 7:30pm on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Elam Center.

Save a tree ...
pacer.utm.edu

Chiropractic...
The Right Choice For Your Future

Is your dream to become a doctor, to study in beautiful surroundings, with a world-renowned faculty and state of the art facilities – what more could you want in a professional education? Logan College students receive all this and more! If you are ready to accept the challenge of graduate professional study in science, physiotherapy, nutrition, radiology, clinical sciences, chiropractic techniques and extensive clinical rotations, then Logan College is the place for you.

Logan College of Chiropractic gives you the skills to help patients get well through non-invasive healthcare while preparing you to earn a substantial income commensurate with your position as a Doctor of Chiropractic. Most DC's work in a private practice setting, providing time for family and other important quality of life priorities.

Contact Logan College at 1-800-533-9210 or at loganadm@logan.edu to receive an information packet describing the world's fastest growing healthcare profession. You can also visit our website at www.logan.edu.

Jason Kucma
Third-Year Student

Logan
College of Chiropractic
1-800-533-9210
www.logan.edu
loganadm@logan.edu
1851 Schoettler Rd, Chesterfield (St. Louis area), MO 63017

SNAPPY TOMATO PIZZA
164 University Plaza • Martin, TN
588-SNAP (7627)

3 Medium
2 Topping,Pizzas
Only $15.00
Try This Snappy Money Saving Special
Get Three (3) Medium
2 Topping Pizzas
for just $15.00
Dine In • Carry Out • Delivery

20% OFF
ENTIRE
TICKET
Dine In • Carry Out • Delivery
Not valid with any other offers!

Both Coupons Not Valid With Any Other Coupon or Discount
Minimum Delivery Order Required

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

pacer.utm.edu/entertainment/ Rachel Rogers, A&E Editor • E-mail: pacer_features@utm.edu

Comics offer movie producers a sure-fire way to make big bucks

Jay Baker
Entertainment Writer

Of the many reasons that comic to movie conversions have become so popular, there is one reason that has been in practice long before comic books ever reached such pop culture acceptance: film studios have been making movies based on previous concepts for quite some time now. The idea is to use a story line or idea that has already been established, preferably one that was successful.

Financing a movie is very expensive. With movie budgets soaring into the hundreds of millions, producing a movie is becoming more and more of a gamble. Producers now look for anything they can use to convince investors that they are making a sound investment that will see a profitable return. One way to ease investor's tensions and trepidations is to make a movie using a story or concept that has already been successful in the past.

A great example of this is the many Westerns that have been made based on the popular movies by acclaimed Japanese writer-director Akira Kurosawa. Films such as *The Magnificent Seven* in 1960 (*Seven Samurai*) and *Last Man Standing* in 1996 (*Yojimbo*) are some examples.

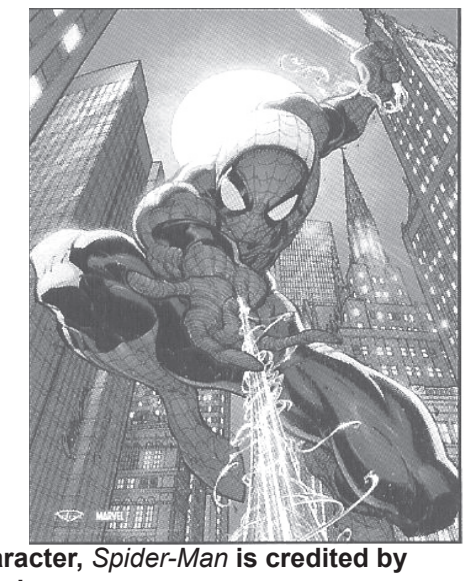
Although Akira Kurosawa has been imitated many times through remakes and references, there have been numerous other movie remakes such as *Scarface* in 1983, *Get Carter* in 2000 and *Solaris* in 2002.

Movies based on books have been around even longer, for obvious reasons. Most all of the classics have been made into movies. Not to mention, pretty much anything that Shakespeare has ever written is now incorporated into some movie. *10 Things I Hate About You* (*The Taming of the Shrew*) and *My Own Private Idaho* (*Henry IV*) are two great examples of Shakespeare remakes.

"I think what set the trend was *Spider-Man*, and then studios just tried to emulate that trend," said Graphic Design major, Cheryl Deyeso.

Spider-Man was really one of the first big comic conversion in this new wave and it really did set the trend. With a nerdy, everyman kind of hero, *Spider-Man* capitalized on the social climate of the time and more importantly, the social changes to come.

Not only do studios look for previously established concepts for movies, they also look to ride whatever trend or fad is currently popular.



Getting his start as a humble comic bookcharacter, *Spider-Man* is credited by many to be the forerunner of comic book movies.

Arguably, comic culture and other somewhat underground cultures are more than just a fad, but in the ever changing realm of pop culture, they are probably little more than just the flavor of the week. So while it lasts, look for more movies based on comics. But at the same time, never stop looking for movies based on previous stories. Those will never go away.

Filmmaking is now, for the most part, strictly a business. A business whose sole purpose is to make money, except for independent films. Therefore, while comic book movies may not always be popular, movies will probably still be made based on story lines from books, plays, other movies, and sometimes comic books.

So, until such a time when comic culture returns to your mother's basement, keep it real true believers.

THERESA A. OLIVER/ The Pacer

Carin Malone signs copies of her book of poetry, *Beneath the Shadow of my Wings*, in the UTM bookstore

Beneath the Shadow of My Wings gives message of inspiration to UTM students

Theresa Oliver
Copy Editor

Senior Communications major Carin Malone announced the release of her new book *Beneath the Shadow of My Wings* to UTM and the Martin community.

Wearing turquoise and black, the 20-year-old Malone confidently took the podium in Watkins auditorium on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Before an audience of about 30 people, mostly students, Malone instructed everyone to "believe in the message that you have," and thanked everyone present for coming and for their support.

"It's imperative to have that support system," Malone said the next day at her book signing in the UTM campus bookstore.

Malone said that the experience of the book release and signing was exciting and added that "nothing is handed to you—you must work hard for it."

Lovita Graham was the M C, saying that Malone "turned her misfortunes around, becoming an inspiration to many people." The release was hosted by Sierra Marshal.

At the release on Tuesday night, Malone gave away six personalized books between reading poems. Three poems were read in all, "The Soul of Who I Am," "Gen S" and "It's Up to You." All of the poems offered a message of hope and encouragement to fellow students, reminding them that "when people threw dirt in my face, God was with me," and "not to lose their vision."

Audience attendees were inspired by Malone's message.

After the release, Malone offered to help anyone interested in getting published to achieve their goals. "I'm going up and I don't mind taking people with me," Malone said.

"She's a friend of mine," senior Secondary Education major Candy Maclin said of Malone. "I think that she is very inspirational. She has inspired students here tonight who are trying to succeed. She has worked very hard for this. Her key message tonight was not to give up on your dreams, whether it is to publish or any other dream."

"The presentation was awesome," said sophomore Communications major Jamilah Holloway. "You could tell she meant what she was saying." Holloway also encouraged everyone to get the book, saying that it is "very powerful."

Holloway's personal favorite was "The Soul of Who I Am."

"I could relate. It is an encouragement tool that will really help people. People want to express themselves and don't know how. She expresses it for them and they can feel peace and harmony."

Malone currently has two more books in the works. *Murder She Wrote* is comprised of letters to Hurricane Katrina; however, when Katrina writes back, she speaks of nothing but disaster. Her other book in progress is *When I Grow Up*.

Dr. Richard Saunders of the Paul Meek Library at UTM said that Malone's book *Beneath the Shadow of My Wings* will join other books written by UTM faculty and staff on the library shelves.

Meanwhile, Malone proves to be UTM's best kept secret. Her upcoming books are scheduled for release soon.

Faculty horn recital nothing to 'honk' at

Meghan Green
Staff Photogropher

Dr. Michael Hernon presented his faculty horn recital this past Thursday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

Delana Easley, an accomplished pianist and music specialist for the Department of Music, accompanied Hernon. The program included "Après un Rêve" by Gabriel Fauré, "Sonata in E flat" by York Bowen, "Intermezzo" by Reinhold Glière, "Sonata No. 3" by Alec Wilder and "Six Melodies: Number 1" by Charles Gounod.

After the performance, Dan Spencer, an instrumental pedagogy major stated, "Listening to him play the hardest instrument to master and still showing full control of all aspects was just amazing. His musicianship through the lyrical pieces he played was superb and then in contrast his speed virtuoso passages were clean. No one could ask for much more from such demanding repertoire."

Hernon is a professor of music at UTM where he teaches music history and literature as well as applied horn. He also maintains a large pre-college studio.

Hernon received his Bachelor of Music Education degree at Murray State University and his Master of Arts degree at Western Kentucky University and his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University.

Hernon maintains an active performance schedule including faculty recitals and other performances in the area. He currently plays horn with the Jackson Symphony and the Paducah Symphony. He is active as a clinician and adjudicator.

Hernon is the author of a number of published articles on music. His book, *French Horn Discography*, remains an important reference source for horn recordings.

The Department of Music has many events scheduled for this fall. All performances will be presented in the Harriet Fulton Theatre at 8 p.m. on weekdays and Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday unless otherwise noted. There is no admission charge except where indicated.

For more information about future recitals or the Department of Music go to http://www.utm.edu/music.

MEGHAN GREEN/ The Pacer

Terrence Shaw, Corey Hill and Rah Jesus entertain the crowd at the SAC's first Open Mic Night of the semester

First SAC Open Mic Night is 'success'

Ayonna Hood
Staff Writer

The UC Gameroom was full of music and laughs on Thursday when the Student Activites Council presented its first Café House Open Mic night of the semester.

David Taylor, chair of the Café House committee of the Student Activities Council, opened the show by introducing its first performer, Casey McCasland. McCasland, whose stage alias became The Cobra, performed four songs for the animated crowd.

By McCasland's third song, Garth Brooks' "Friend in Low Places," the small audience had grown to over thirty people.

The first Open Mic night appeared to be unorganized, but the casualness of the event seemed to ease the at-first nervous performers. Many of the participants shied away at the idea of singing in front of a crowd, but the encouragement of the spectators created a calming atmosphere.

An assortment of songs was sung at Open Mic night; there was something for everyone. A few old school tracks were sung for those with more mature tastes. Oldies ranged from The Temptations' "My Girl," to Gloria Gaynor's hit song "I Will Survive" performed by LyDonna Williams-Mason.

The '90s proved to be the theme of Thursday night's event. Komteria Herndon and Anice Tucker performed Silkk the Shocker's "It Ain't My Fault" and Corey Hill performed Sir Mix-A-Lot's smash hit "Baby Got Back."

Raneisha Arnett and Melanie Turner added comedy to the gameroom with their version of TLC's "No Scrubs."

Towards the end of the event, the audience grew restless with the limited selection of the gameroom. A couple members of the crowd handed CDs to David Taylor and April Cheung, President of the SAC, to add to the collection of available music. The entire audience sang along to songs by Marques Houston, Young Jeezy and R. Kelly.

When asked how often Open Mic night would be featured in the UC Gameroom, Taylor said that it was dependent upon the turn out. Taylor also added that the usage of the UC Gameroom is not only limited to karaoke. Any type of student activity can be booked in the gameroom, including fraternities and sororities new member events, birthday parties and resident halls floor parties.

Anyone interested in booking the UC Gameroom for any event should contact the Student Life Center.

SKYHAWKS WIN, AGAIN!

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

Despite the preseason accolades, individual stats and obvious improvements in the team under the reign of head coach Matt Griffin, people still doubt Skyhawk football.

"When they win more than two games, then will talk," people say.

Well, pull up a chair and start talking.

The Skyhawks picked up their third win of the season Saturday against the Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb, 31-28, in Boiling Springs, NC.

This victory marks the first time UTM has started out 3-1 and won more than two games since 1995 when the team went 5-6 overall and 4-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Saturday's game saw the Skyhawks up against the nation's leading offensive team, with the Bulldogs averaging over 580 yards per game.

Things looked grim for UTM as the Skyhawks quickly found themselves down 14-0 just a little over five and a half minutes into the game. UTM cut the deficit in half in the first on a 3-yard run by tailback Don Chapman.

"How about those Skyhawks?"

—Head Coach Matt Griffin

Less than three minutes later, the Bulldogs scored another touchdown to take a 21-7 lead in to the second quarter.

Skyhawk kicker Taylor Brown missed 31- and 35-yard field goal attempts wide right on consecutive UTM possessions. The third time was the charm for Brown as he brought the score to 21-10 on a successful 35-yard attempt with a minute left in the half.

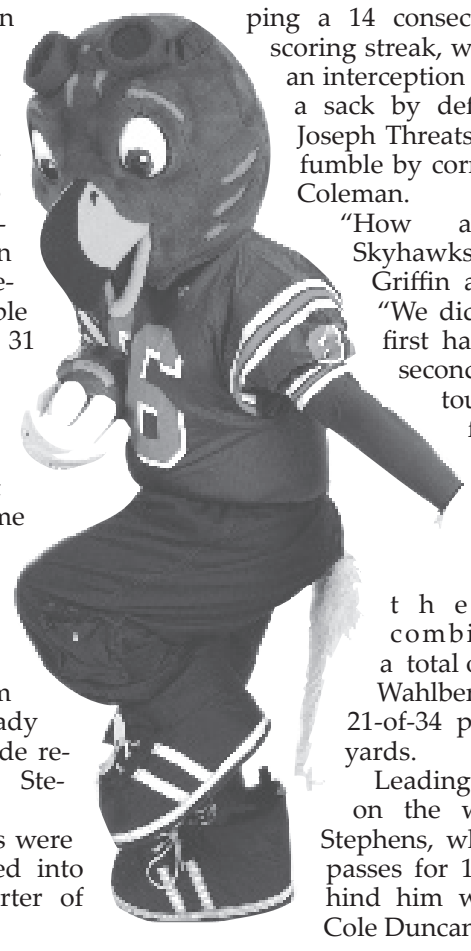
It seemed as if a different Skyhawk team came to play in the second, as Chapman scored again on UTM's first drive of the half, cutting the GWU lead to 28-17.

After two unsuccessful Bulldog possessions, Chapman scored his third touchdown of the afternoon on a 15-yard rush to pull the Skyhawks to within four.

On next GWU drive a fumble recovery linebacker Jason Hockaday recovered a fumble at the Bulldog 31 yardline.

A mere 24 seconds later, the Skyhawks took their first lead of the game on another 7-yard touchdown run by Chapman that followed a 24-yard pass from quarterback Brady Wahlberg to wide receiver Taurean Stephens.

The Skyhawks were up 31-28 headed into the fourth quarter of the game.



UTM's defense managed to hold the Bulldogs scoreless for the remainder of the game, snapping a 14 consecutive quarter scoring streak, with 10 tackles, an interception by Hockaday, a sack by defensive tackle Joseph Threats and a forced fumble by cornerback Jason Coleman.

"How about those Skyhawks," asked Griffin after the win. "We didn't finish the first half, but in the second we played tough, physical football."

Saturday's game was an offensive battle with the teams' combining for a total of 962 yards.

Wahlberg completed 21-of-34 passes for 271 yards.

Leading the receivers on the weekend was Stephens, who caught six passes for 105 yards. Behind him was tight end Cole Duncan with 5 catches for 54 yards.

Leading the team in rushing, again, was Chapman, who had 116 yards on 28 carries.

This marks the seventh time in just 14 career games that Chapman has surpassed the 100-yard mark.

He also is fifth in the nation in rushing yardage with 536 yards total only 4 weeks into the season.

Defensively, Coleman and linebacker David Gilmore led the team in tackles with 11 each. Following them was Hockaday with nine, and the lone Skyhawk sack on the day.

"I take my cap off to the guys on both fronts," said Griffin of the effort of the Skyhawks.

With this win, the Skyhawks still sit atop the OVC standings and have the only winning record in the conference.

The Skyhawks will take a week off and prepare for Oct. 8's homecoming game against Tennessee Tech. UTM will be hoping to win their second homecoming in three years with the last win coming against Tech in 2003.

Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Graham Stadium.

Volleyball drops opening OVC series to SEMO, EIU

TREVOR RUSZKOWSKI

Rebecca Palmer scores one of her many kills during the Skyhawks match against Southeast Missouri on Friday in the Fieldhouse.

Brad Hurt
Assistant Sports Editor

This past weekend brought more disappointment to the young Skyhawk volleyball team as they suffered 3-0 sweeps by SEMO and Eastern Illinois in their first two OVC matches of the season.

In the opener against SEMO, the Skyhawks got off to a strong start led by senior Rebecca Palmer and sophomore Jamie Hollins with five kills each. SEMO used an effective service game to lead by as many as four points before a late UTM rally sparked by consecutive Hollins kills to put the score at 21-19.

UTM cut the lead to two points once again but SEMO came through to claim a 33-31 win.

Game two saw the Skyhawks fall behind 2-0, only to score the next four points to claim the lead. SEMO mistakes led to a 9-3 cushion for UTM. The Redhawks then scored five unanswered points to pull close to UTM..

SEMO clawed ahead of the Skyhawks, 17-15, and eventually took the game, 30-24.

The Skyhawks came out flat in the third and final game. They were hurt by mental errors as the Redhawks built a 9-3 advantage.

The Redhawks dominated play around the net and quickly put the game out of reach. They won the game, 30-11, to clinch the sweep.

After the game, UTM coach Amy Draper addressed her team's weaknesses.

"I'm not sure if it's youth or not. It's not that we're not capable, we just can't find out in crunch time how to actually get it done and finish the game." Draper also expressed a belief that her team will learn from each loss and improve. "We hope it's the result of being in those positions, and the more you're in those positions you do find out how to close games."

The Skyhawks' chance for a weekend split came on Saturday as they faced the Lady Panthers of EIU, but they still struggled to finish games.

UTM jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and built it to 7-3, forcing two early EIU timeouts. The Lady Panthers bounced back to tie the score at 7-7, but consecutive kills by freshman Natalee Staggs put the Skyhawks on top once again.

Once the Lady Panthers reclaimed the lead at 12-11, they were helped by UTM errors and extended their lead to 17-12. A late EIU run put the game away with the score 25-15. The Skyhawks ultimately fell to EIU, 30-23. They were out hit in the game, .452 to .086.

Game two was under the control of the Skyhawks until they faltered late, allowing EIU to win, 31-29.

The Skyhawks and Lady Panthers traded points and leads early before UTM took over, building a six point advantage at 20-14.

The Lady Panthers rallied to tie the game at 21. A kill by sophomore Sarah Jett broke a tie and put the Skyhawks on top, 23-22.

The team tacked two more points onto the lead but it proved to be short-lived. The Lady Panthers cut the lead to 27-26 and used Skyhawk errors down the stretch to win, 31-29.

The Skyhawks held a 20-17 advantage in kills for the game, but also committed eight errors. The Lady Panthers committed only five errors.

A Sarah Jett kill and Morgan Kilpatrick service ace lifted the Skyhawks to a 3-0 lead in game three.

Then the Lady Panthers rallied to go ahead, 7-4. After falling behind by as many as five points, the Skyhawks went on a run to take the lead on a service ace by Staggs, 13-12.

EIU jumped back on top, but once again the Skyhawks would not go away easily. Another kill by Jett brought them to within a point, 20-19, and a service ace by freshman Megan Hitt gave them the lead, 23-22.

In the end, the Lady Panthers were too powerful as they came out on top, 30-28, to complete the sweep.

"Every time we step on the floor we're doing a little better ... experience is really hurting us right now. This team is good enough to be winning. We're improving on the scoreboard until about point 28, but we can't get over the mental part of closing games," said Draper.

The losses dropped UTM's record to 2-16 overall, 0-2 in the OVC. The team will travel to Nashville for a non-conference match against Belmont on Tuesday before returning home for weekend matches against OVC rivals Tennessee State and Austin Peay.

Soccer thinking what could have been after tough weekend of OVC play

Matthew Maxey
Staff Photographer

The Skyhawks opened OVC action this weekend with road trips to Cookeville and Clarksville where they suffered heartbreaking overtime losses to both Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay.

In Friday's match UTM opened the game against the TTU Golden Eagles strongly, but were unable to stop Joni Simmons, who contributed on all of the Tech goals, en route to a 3-2 victory.

UTM jumped out to an early lead when junior defender Jamie Olheiser scored 18 minutes into the match, but Simmons answered the Skyhawk's opening goal only four minutes later.

Simmons would later give Tech the lead after being fouled in the box and scoring on a penalty kick. The Tech defense would hold UTM scoreless for the rest of the first half, and maintain a 2-1 lead at the break.

The Skyhawks would tie the game up early in the second half when senior Lindsey Tilk netted an indirect kick for her second career goal as a Skyhawk.

Throughout the rest of the second half UTM would be limited to only three more scoring opportunities and were unable to convert on any of them, largely due to the tremendous play of Tech goalie Lisa Wourms who finished the day with seven saves.

Now for the third game in a row, the Skyhawks were forced into an overtime period.

UTM was again unable to stop Simmions as she picked up an assist finding teammate Rebecca Ross cutting across the box who put in the game winner for Tech.

Head coach Nathan Pifer said of the game that "it is hard to come into another person's field, but it would have been great to come out with a point at least." Pifer said of Simmons domination that "she had a great day ... we had our best on their best, but our best didn't stop her."

On Sunday the Skyhawks visited the Lady Governors of Austin Peay where the remnants of Hurricane Rita wasn't all that was raining on the Skyhawks day. In the difficult playing conditions both teams were hampered and battled to a scoreless tie at the half.

In the 80th minute sophomore Katie Berhens netted an unassisted goal for the Skyhawks, putting them in great position to pick up their first OVC win of the season and continue their unbeaten streak against Austin Peay.

As time was running out on the second half and the Austin Peay fans were heading to the parking lot, Lady Gov Ashley Beck scored the game tieing goal with only 18 seconds remaining.

Fans quickly returned to their seats, and the Skyhawks were forced into yet another overtime game; their fourth in as many games.

Austin Peay and UTM both traded shots back and fourth during the overtime, but were unable to convert on any thanks to strong play in goal from both goalkeepers.

In the second minute of the second overtime, APSU's Jessica Hosse sent a corner kick into the box that was headed in by Heather Miller.

Pifer said of the Skyhawks third consecutive overtime loss that they had some "key mistakes that ultimately cost them."

The loss dropped the Skyhawks overall record to 5-6-0 (0-2 OVC) and below .500 for the first time this season since their opening loss to Centenary.

Overtime has not been kind to Skyhawk soccer this year as they are 1-3 in games requiring extra time. With the loss, UTM's all-time record in overtime games dropped to 3-9-8.

UTM will look to end their losing streak this weekend as they return home, where they are undefeated this season.

On Friday at 4 p.m., OVC newcomer Eastern Kentucky will make its first ever trip to Martin for a soccer match. Sunday at 2 p.m. the Skyhawks will welcome Morehead State to town.

MATTHEW MAXEY/ The Pacer

Sophomore midfielder Katie Behrens expresses her frustration in an overtime loss to Tennessee Tech on Friday. After four consecutive overtime contests the Skyhawks are 1-3 in games requiring extra time.

Buffalo Rock / Southern Showdown Golf Tournament

Bent Brook Golf Course
McCalla, Alabama

Par: 72
Yardage: 7046

Team	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
Tennessee-Chattanooga	286	284	284	854
Belmont University	283	286	290	859
Samford University	286	287	289	862
Troy University	291	288	289	868
Tennessee-Chattanooga JV	298	281	296	875
• Tennessee-Martin	*287*	*293*	*297*	*877*
Jackson State University	296	291	292	879
Murray State	292	295	293	880
Berry College	294	297	293	884
Winthrop University	296	288	301	885
Birmingham Southern	302	294	293	889
Tennessee State	303	292	298	893
Birmingham Southern JV	303	311	302	916
University of Montevallo	315	296	311	922

Skyhawk Individuals	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
Reise Kelly	72	74	72	218
Trey McNeil	73	71	75	219
Robert Lents	74	74	73	221
Heath Prescott	70	74	77	221
Brett Mansfield	72	76	77	225
• Hunter Prescott	79	74	74	228

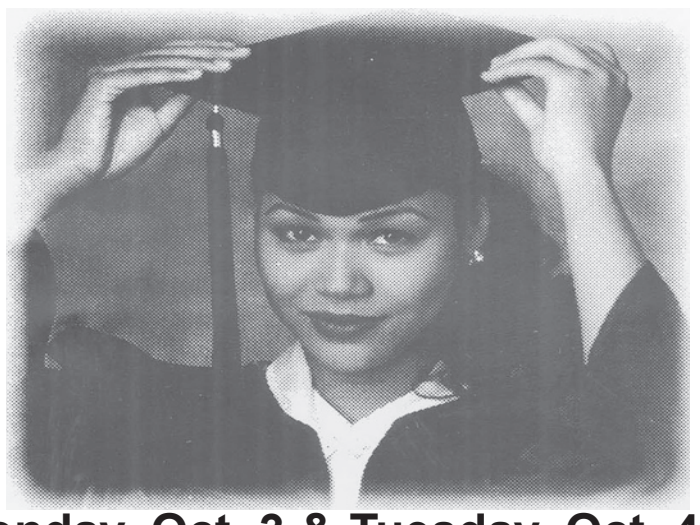
• Score did not count towards team total

UT-Martin Fall Softball Classic

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1
Martin Recreational Complex & Bettye Giles Field
18 teams participating

ANNOUNCING A GRADUATION SERVICES EVENT

GET SQUARED AWAY



Monday, Oct. 3 & Tuesday, Oct. 4th
10:30-2 p.m.
Bradley Book Company

Class Rings start at $199

•Free cap & gown with the purchase of a 10K class ring.

•Free 25 graduation announcements with the purchase of a 14K class ring.

•Free cap & gown AND 25 graduation announcements with the purchase of a 18K class ring.

Order via the Internet at www.jostens.com

jostens™

118 Hurt Street • 587-1986

SKYHAWK OF THE WEEK

Skyhawk senior cornerback Jason Coleman was named the OVC Defensive Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 25. Coleman tied for the team high in tackles with 11 total, nine of which were solo in Saturday's 31-28 victory over Gardner-Webb. Coleman also had an interception, a fumble recovery and two forced fumbles against the Bulldogs.

Coleman now has 20 tackles total on the season and is third on the team in all-purpose yardage with 215 and an average of 53.8 yards per game.

Senior cornerback Jason Coleman

Sophomore tailback Don Chapman was responsible for all but three of the Skyhawk's 31 points on Saturday afternoon. Chapman scored three touchdowns in the third quarter to put the Skyhawks over the Bulldogs, 31-28, in UTM's third victory of the season. Chapman rushed for 116 yards on 28 carries.

Chapman is now fifth in the nation in rushing with 536 yards total and 20th in the country in scoring. Saturday marks the seventh time in 14 career games that Chapman has rushed for at least 100 yards.

Sophomore tailback Don Chapman

CLASSIFIEDS

BUY • SELL • TRADE • PROMOTE

Bartending
BARTENDERS WANTED! $250/day potential. No experience necessary. Training provided. Call 800-965-6520 ext. 241 for more information.

Advertising Representatives
MAKE MORE MONEY! *The Pacer*, UTM's student newspaper is looking for driven, energetic students that want to make 15 percent commission for every ad sold. Call Gregory Sirising at ext. 7782 or email pacer_ads@utm.edu.

Spiritual Readings
Miss Theresa, spiritual reader and advisor on all problems and affairs. $5 reading specials! 3404 Lone Oak Rd., Paducah, KY. (270) 554-7904.

Money for College
The Army is currently offering sizeable bonuses of up to $20,000. In addition to the cash bonuses, you may qualify for up to $70,000 for college through the Montgomery GI Bill and Army College Fund. Or you could pay back up to $65,000 of qualifying student loans through the Army's Loan Repayment Program. To find out more, call 731-885-7563.

Classified advertising made simple

Step 1
Have something to sell, advertise or promote. We cost less than eBay™.

Step 2
Call our advertising department at ext.7782. Or email us at pacer_ads@utm.edu.

Step 3
Sit back and wait for the phone calls and emails to roll in, wanting your stuff.

Classified ads are sold at a rate of $2.50 for the first 15 words, and 10 cents for each word thereafter. Telephone numbers and email addresses count as one word.

Freedom: Continued from Cover

or one person forcing their religion on another. A public school cannot mandate religious expression, however; it does not prevent students from praying or reading their Bible in school if that is what they choose to do. One panelist said that, "It is not the state's responsibility to make up for parents' shortcomings as far as religious beliefs go."

One student asked if the removal of the Ten Commandments is an attack on religion. The panelists' response to this was that the Ten Commandments "are not a universal belief. They tend to be identified with Christianity and therefore may be offensive to others of different religions." But they also said that "no one is infringing on your right to pray or worship as you please. No one will come to your home or church and tell you how to worship. But in a public place one group's religion cannot be overly established due to the separation of church and state law, which was established by precedent."

One student said that "religion is about maturity. We have the right to choose how we believe."

Responses to the American Democracy Project as a whole varied. Freshman Jamie Pigg said she "didn't really get that much out of it." But others enjoyed the experience. Freshman Gary Mason said that the discussion "gave me a positive outlook on the Constitution. I learned a lot."

Awards: Continued from Cover

cy medical technician and is active in local fire/rescue services. He is resident delegate to the board of directors, Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians and hosts the weekly "Healthwatch" program on WBBJ-TV. Revelle is a major in the Tennessee Army National Guard, 278th Armored Cavalry Medical Support Squadron. He is a native of Crockett Mills, graduating from UT Martin with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a doctor of medicine from UT College of Medicine.

Revelle was named UT Martin Outstanding Male Graduate and was vice president of Alpha Gamma Rho. While in medical school, he received the award for Outstanding Student in Family Medicine, was president of the Family Practice Student Association and an Underserved Areas Clinical Scholar.

Smith, of Camden, operates Ray Smith Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac, Inc., with his son and grandson. He also holds interests in radio stations, farms, real estate and insurance firms. He serves as chairman of Mountain Life Insurance, is a member of First Bank board of directors, a past member of the Tennessee Bankers Association board of directors and moderator of Southwestern District Baptist Association. He has been a Phillips 66 jobber since 1966. Smith is chairman of the Industrial Development Board of Huntingdon; president of the West Tennessee Public Utilities District, serving as a board member for 34 years; served under three governors on the Tennessee Utilities Management Review Board; is a member of the University of Tennessee Development Council and a Baptist Hospital Advisory board member. He is a member of Huntingdon Missionary Baptist Church, serving as a deacon, Sunday School superintendent and Sunday School teacher for more than 50 years.

He was named 2003 Huntingdon Outstanding Citizen. Previously, he has served as Lions Club president, chairman of the UT Martin Development Council, Bank of Huntingdon board chairman, Tennessee Heart Association state fund raising chairman, mayor of Camden and co-chaired the

Tennessee Tomorrow Campaign for UT Knoxville in West Tennessee.

Reserve tickets for the banquet by sending a check for $15 per person made payable to UT Martin to the Office of Alumni Relations, Room 314, Administration Building, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238.

For more homecoming information, visit www.utmforever.com.

Talk back.

Speak your mind.
Anytime.
Anywhere.

pacer.utm.edu/discuss

(First Amendment Friendly)

PARIS Limousine Service

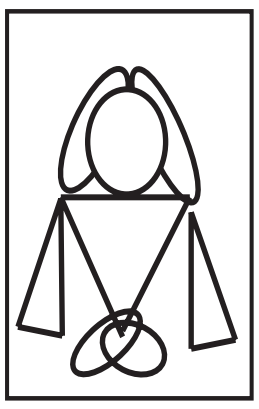
Go Skyhawks!

Arrive in Style to Your Next Event!
We will take you safely to anywhere you want to go, just give our friendly staff a call!
(731) 642-2838

Ask About Our UTM Discount!

Advertise with *The Pacer*
pacer_ads@utm.edu • 731-881-7782

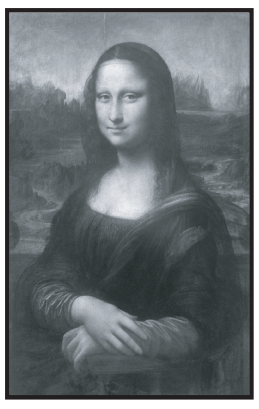
Dept. of Visual and Theatre Arts
Art Lesson No. 43 the Mona Lisa



START WITH BASIC SHAPES

ADD LINES

SHADE BACKGROUND



FILL IN THE REST

Exhibit opening for guest artist Jason Stout
Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 5 pm
Fine Arts Building Gallery

ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ • ΑΔΠ •

Savannah Aime
Nina Arnold
Brandi Brinkley
Julie Brockwell
Ginger Burch
Katelyn Busman
Lara Casey
Jessica Clepper
Jess Cox
Ashley Craft
Meagan Drye
Cassidy Edwards
Nichole Farris
Brittany Fautch
Jessie Gill
Ashley Harmon
Maggie Hodges
Sarah Hunter
Heather Ivey
Katie Janowicz
Kelsey Jones
Kaitlin Libby
Meagan Lomax
Ashley McCormick
Kristan McMinn
Laura Beth Mills
Rachel Milner
Mary Morris
Courtney Myers
Katie Robbins
Aaron Sellers
Jessi Shipley
Carolina Smith
Leslie Smith

Congratulations to all of our new Alphas!

Zeta Crowns the "Berry Best"!

Welcome to Our New Girls

Kelly Bruce
Ashley Bunn
Lindsey Busbee
Kristen Collins
Casey Cowden
Katie Curtis
Autumn Dabbs
Elizabeth Demaree
Cayce Dempsey
Jessica Ford
Angel Gibson
Mandy Goodwin
Jessica Hudson
Casey Jackson
Emily Knight
Lauren Lovins
Brittany Osbourne
Schancey Spears
Sara Stewart
Karin Swarthout
Julie Tucker
Hillary Warren
Brittany Wiles
Jenny Wills